

SUGARBEETS

Washington's sugarbeet estimates were reinstated with the 1996 crop. Acreage for sugarbeets hit a record high 91,700 acres harvested in 1973. Yields have always been higher than the national average. Washington's record yield was set with the 2003 crop at 40.3 tons per acre. The record total value of production for sugarbeets was set in 1973 at \$80.2 million.

The 2003 sugarbeet crop totaled 161,000 tons. Harvested acres were 4,000 acres with a yield of 40.3 tons per acre, compared with the national average yield of 22.7 tons per acre. The final price for the 2002 crop was \$41.60 per ton. The record price per ton for sugarbeets in Washington was set in 1974 at \$45.50 per ton. The total value of production for 2002 was \$5.8 million. The preliminary value of production for the 2003 crop was \$5.7 million.

Sugarbeets: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price & Value, Washington, 1977-2003

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield/ Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Tons	1,000 Tons	\$/Ton	\$1,000	\$/Acre
1977	63,900	61,600	24.3	1,495	26.50	39,618	643
1978	69,200	68,500	25.5	1,747	26.80	46,820	684
1996 1/	13,000	13,000	35.5	461	42.90	19,777	1,521
1997	18,300	18,000	33.1	595	38.90	23,146	1,286
1998	37,300	35,800	33.3	1,192	22.90	27,297	762
1999	27,500	27,400	30.1	825	32.40	26,730	976
2000	28,400	27,300	29.4	803	33.50	26,901	985
2001	7,200	7,100	35.6	253	40.50	10,247	1,443
2002	4,000	4,000	35.0	140	41.60	5,824	1,456
2003 2/	4,000	4,000	40.3	161	35.40	5,699	1,425

1/ Estimates were discontinued in 1978 and reinstated in 1996.

2/ U.S. preliminary price.